

MINUTES

UTAH Massage Therapy Licensing Board MEETING

November 20, 2007

**Room 474 – 4th Floor – 9:00 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:02 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 11:29 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Clyde Ormond

Board Secretary:

Jacky Adams

Board Members Present:

Craig Sauer - Chairperson
Ruth Werner
Jennifer Pruetz
Richard Engar
Carolyn M Redington

Board Members Absent:

Guests:

Roger Olbrot, AMTA (American Massage Therapy Association)
Craig Anderson, Ogden Institute of Massage Therapy
Danielle Fielden
P. Alex Stiebling
Ella Lindsay

DOPL Staff Present:

F. David Stanley

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS: MINUTES:

Mr. Engar seconded by Ms. Werner made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2007 Board meeting, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ormond then reminded the Board that each meeting shall be conducted by the Principals of Parliamentary Law procedure.

APPOINTMENTS:

9:15 a.m. Velasquez, Francisco

Mr. Velasquez appeared for his scheduled probationary appointment with the Board. Mr. Ormond reviewed Mr. Velasquez's Stipulation and Order. A positive "Employer Report" was submitted from Ms. Shimizu, Mr. Velasquez's

direct supervisor.

Ms. Werner and Mr. Sauer reminded Mr. Velasquez that he must complete twenty hours of Continuing Education, in Ethics, prior to February 15, 2009. And that he must submit an Employer Report monthly until March 2008.

After a brief discussion it was determined that Mr. Velasquez is in compliance with his Stipulation and Order, and will meet again with the Board on January 15, 2008, with a list of Continuing Education providers, and current Employer Report.

9:30 a.m. Olsen, Kristi

Ms. Olsen appeared for her scheduled probationary appointment with the Board. A positive Employer Report was submitted from Ms. Holbrook, of Knead a Massage.

After a brief discussion it was determined that Ms. Olsen is in compliance with her MOU (Memorandum of Understanding), she must meet again with the Board on March 18, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m. Rasmussen, Melissa

Ms. Rasmussen appeared for her scheduled probationary appointment with the Board.

After a brief discussion it was determined that Ms. Rasmussen is not in compliance with her Stipulation and Order. She will meet again with the Board on January 18, 2008, with proof of complete compliance with her Stipulation and Order, and a list of Continuing Education providers.

Ms. Rasmussen was then taken to speak with Ms. Harry, regarding how to be in compliance with her Stipulation and Order.

10:00 a.m. Anderson, Penny

Ms. Anderson appeared for her scheduled probationary appointment with the Board.

It was determined that Ms. Anderson is not in compliance with her MOU, due to not beginning to take her required Drug tests. Mr. Ormond reminded her that this is a requirement of her MOU.

Ms. Anderson explained that she will be registered to begin taking her required Drug tests by November 23, 2007. Based on Ms. Anderson working for more than one saloon she must submit an Employer Report from each of her supervisors.

Ms. Anderson will meet again with this Board on January

10:15 a.m. Israyelyan, Sergey – Supervisor
Tkachenko, Lyubov

15, 2008, with proof of full compliance with her MOU.

Mr. Israyalyan was available for his scheduled appointment with the Board. The Board reviewed Ms. Tkachenko's proposed curriculum, commenting that the curriculum only covers the minimum requirements of R156-47b-302c. Ms. Werner then suggested that a contract be initiated between Mr. Israyelyan and Ms. Tkachenko, which will protect both parties.

After a detailed discussion Ms. Werner seconded by Mr. Engar made a motion to approve Ms. Tkachenko as Mr. Israyelan's Massage Therapy Apprenticeship Supervisor, the motion carried unanimously.

10:30 a.m. Lanzer, Lana

Ms. Lanzer and Ms. Fedorenko did not attend the Board meeting. This issue was tabled until the January 15, 2008 meeting.

Ms. Fedorenko later left a message with the Division stating that they had failed to attend the meeting due to an emergency that occurred at her salon.

10:45 a.m. Rybakova, Anna – Supervisor
Keshishian, Goarik

Ms. Rybakova, Ms. Lindsay, and Ms. Keshishian attended the Board Meeting. Ms. Rybakova was requesting to switch Massage Therapy Apprenticeship Supervisor, based on her previous supervisor not being medically able to continue.

After a brief discussion Mr. Engar seconded by Ms. Werner made a motion to approve Ms. Keshishian as Ms. Rybakova's Massage Therapy Apprenticeship Supervisor, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board then approved Ms. Keshishian as Ms. Lindsay's Massage Therapy Apprenticeship Supervisor, contingent upon submitting a complete application to the Division.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:
NCBTMB Portfolio Review

This issue was tabled until the January 15, 2008 meeting.

Exam Review

Mr. Ormond explained that the Division's testing vendor will be PSI (PSI Services LLC), as of January 1, 2008. After a detailed review the Division could not ascertain if a Law and Rules exam is beneficial to some professions. The Division has determined that since most professions, Law and Rule exams are not required by Statute, the exams will be eliminated.

The Board strongly disagreed with eliminating the Law and Rules exam. Ms. Pruetz felt that a more beneficial exam

should be given, explaining that the current exam has minimal questions directly related to this profession. After an extensive discussion it was determined that a Law and Rules exam should be added to the application. An additional meeting was scheduled for November 27, 2007 at 1:00 p.m., with members of the Board, representatives from Massage Institutions, and Massage Therapy Apprentice Supervisors, to review the questions for the examination.

Mr. Anderson then suggested for the exam to include Massage Therapy Law and Rule, and the AMTA (American Massage Therapy Association) Code of Ethics, the Board agreed.

Mr. Ormond then explained that due to the minimal number of Massage Apprentices, it is not cost effective to write a new Massage Theory exam. He then questioned the Board for suggestions on how to resolve this issue. After a brief discussion it was suggested to use the Milady's exam, which is part of the Instructors Guide.

Mr. Ormond then reminded the Board that when the proposed rules changes take effect, all licensees will be required to pass the FSMTB (Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards) MBLEx (Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination), or the NCETM (National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage), or the NCETMB (National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork) exam, prior to obtaining licensure.

Ms. Werner seconded by Mr. Engar made a motion to purchase the current Milady's textbook, and the Board will administer the Massage Theory Exam, the motion carried unanimously.

After the meeting adjourned the Division determined that purchasing the textbook and allowing the Board to administer the exam, may not be in the best interest of the public. It was determined that when the proposed rules changes take affect all licenses will be required to pass the MBLEx, NCETMB, or the NCETM exams prior to licensure. Current Massage Apprentices will be given a conditional license, which will allow them to continue to work, under supervision, while they study for the MBLEx exam.

Rules Update

Mr. Ormond explained that he is finalizing the proposed changes to R156-47b-302b, which will require all licensees to take either, the MBLEx, NCETM, or the NCETMB

exam, prior to obtaining licensure in Utah.

CORRESPONDENCE:

FSMTB – Candidate Handbook	Reviewed with no further action taken
NCETMB – News Release	Review with no further action taken
NCETMB – Fall 2007 News Letter	Review with no further action taken
Exam Score Report	Reviewed with no further action taken

ADJOURN:

11:29 a.m.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

January 15, 2008

(ss) Ruth Werner

Date Approved

Chairperson, Massage Therapy Licensing Board

January 15, 2008

(ss) Clyde Ormond

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional
Licensing